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I Enlist With Thee, O Christ

OTTERBEIN GUILD PROGRAM

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GENERAL SUGGESTIONS TO THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The theme for our programs this year is, "I Enlist With Thee, O Christ." Through these programs we hope every Otterbein Guild girl will get a new vision of the privilege and responsibilities of enlisting with Christ and will declare anew her allegiance to Him as her leader.

It will be helpful to have the theme attractively printed on a poster, using the cover page as a suggestion. If displayed at each meeting, it will help the girls to keep the theme in mind throughout the year.

In five of the programs material from the book, "Move On, Youth," by Otto Noll, is to be used. This is the new home missions study book for young people and tells in a very interesting way of the many different groups of young people in our country who are "shifting but not shiftless."

Two programs are on China, which is in keeping with the foreign theme for the year. Other programs are in keeping with special days and observances. It is again suggested that the December program be a joint one with the women's society, for the entire Church family. Following a suggestion of some Otterbein Guild girls that some of the programs should leave more room for the leader's ingenuity and research, two of the programs (March and August) are not planned in detail. Ample material and suggestions are included, however.

At the request of the Stewardship Committee, we have included three Stewardship Ceremonials at the end of the booklet. We have numbered them for convenience only. The use of one of these has been suggested in some of the programs and if desired, may be added to others.

As chairman of the program committee, you will need to read carefully all of the suggestions and materials included in the program packet. You will then have a good idea of the real aim of the programs for the year and thus can better direct their presentation. Then call your committee together; present the program to them; get their suggestions as to how best to adapt to your Chapter the program as outlined and choose your leaders for the year. Then remember that your duty is not finished until after the August, 1941, meeting, for you and your committee must stand ready to help each leader in her planning and preparation.

In many Chapters the program committee makes attractive program folders for the year, putting in them the names of the leaders and of the hostesses and the subject of the program. This creates a greater interest. For this folder, see note in connection with the suggestion for September invitation.

September

I ENLIST WITH THEE, O CHRIST—AS A STEWARD OF ALL OF LIFE

Note to Leader: In this service we want to present the theme for the year and show that if we enlist with Christ we must be good stewards. We want each girl to renew her Covenant. Opportunity is provided for this in the Candlelighting Service. Every detail of the program should be carefully planned beforehand if it is to be effective. The worship center, in keeping with the Candlelighting Service, should have in it a picture of Christ and seven candle holders with white candles, the center one, right in front of the picture, being taller than the others. A box of smaller candles for individual use should be at hand. Determine to make this the best meeting you can possibly have. Urge each girl to memorize the Covenant beforehand. See Invitation Sheet.

Piano Prelude: "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult."

Call to Worship:

"I heard Him call
'Come follow'—that was all.
My gold grew dim,
My heart went after Him.
I rose and followed, that was all.
Who would not follow
If he heard Him call?"

Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult." Let us hear anew Christ's call to enlist with Him as we sing this hymn.

Prayer: Dear Father, we are met in this Otterbein Guild meeting to honor Thy Son, Jesus Christ, that Friend of Youth, Who in all ages hast called youth to His service. Open Thou our ears we beseech Thee, that we may hear His call and give to us responsive hearts and minds that we may follow. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Introduction of the Theme: The theme for our Year of Programs is, "I Enlist With Thee, O Christ." These words come to us out of the early history of the Christian Church, for they form one of the first statements which candidates for baptism were required to repeat publicly. What did one really mean when he said these words? We are told that in the original the word for enlist carries with it something of the thought of reporting oneself for orders. According to the dictionary, to enlist means to give one's support and aid to a cause. It carries with it the idea of *voluntary* service and of great interest in the service to be rendered. We can imagine then that the new Christian who repeated these words from his heart must have said them with face aglow and with a spirit of deep purpose in his soul. He must have caught the importance of not only reporting for orders but of throwing himself wholeheartedly into the program of carrying out the orders. In other words he was saying, "My strength, my energy, my ability, indeed all that I am and have, I am willingly using in doing Thy bidding, O Christ."

Certainly this theme is a timely one, for today people, young and old, are enlisting with leaders and causes. Many are enlisting with dictators, with causes such as Communism, Naziism, and in wars of aggression. What of the Christian people? Surely in a day like this followers of Jesus Christ should redeclare their purpose to enlist themselves and their possessions in His Cause. We cannot take a neutral stand, for Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me."

Scriptural Challenge to Enlistment: Jesus also said: Matthew 16:24, 25; Matthew 6:24 and 33.

Poem: (Change man and pronouns referring to him to girl and the feminine form).

See there! God's signposts, standing at the ways
Which every man of his free-will must go—
Up the steep hill or down the winding ways—
One or the other every man must go.

He forces no man, each must choose his way,
And as he chooses so the end will be:
One went in front to point the Perfect Way,
Who follows fears not where the end will be.

—From "Gentlemen—The King!" by John Oxenham. Used by permission of the Pilgrim Press.

Leader: Month by month in keeping with our general theme, "I Enlist With Thee, O Christ," we will consider various phases of what it means to enlist with Christ. In this first program we want to give consideration to the thought that *enlisted with Christ*, we must be *good stewards*. With Paul we must be able to say, "I have a stewardship entrusted to me," and must remember his words, "It is required in stewards that a man be found *faithful*." As Otterbein Guild girls we have given our word that we will be good stewards of our prayers, our time and our money when we signed the Otterbein Guild Covenant. The Covenant is just another way of saying, "I Enlist With Thee, O Christ," and it should be considered by each one a sacred, solemn trust. If this year every Otterbein Guild girl would be faithful to her stewardship as expressed in the Covenant, all of our Guild problems would be solved, every girl would grow in Christlikeness, our work at home and abroad would be strengthened and extended and many who now do not know the Christ would be given an opportunity to know Him, and knowing Him, to follow Him.

At the beginning of our Year of Programs it seems fitting then to give special consideration to the meaning of our Covenant.

Covenant Candlelighting Service: For this service use seven separate holders with white candles. In the center holder put a taller candle than the others. Back of these should be placed a large picture of Hofmann's Head of Christ (Christ at 33) or some other impressive picture of the Christ. Each speaker takes her place back of the worship center as she speaks and then returns to her seat when she has lighted her candle.

First Speaker: Let us think for a moment of the One in whose service we are enlisted. Hear His own words about Himself:

I am the Light of the World: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

I am the Bread of Life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

I am the Good Shepherd, and know my sheep and am known of mine . . . and I lay down my life for the sheep.

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me.

I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Now let us hear His words to us:

Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel to every creature.

Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

This is the Christ with Whom we are enlisted. What a glorious privilege and tremendous responsibility is ours! I light this taper symbolic of our Christ. (Lights center candle.)

Solo: (Unannounced) "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee." (Church Hymnal, No. 292)

Second Speaker: And now let us turn to the Covenant we have made with this Christ and see anew our privilege and responsibility.

Grateful that I know that my Redeemer liveth—

How grateful are we that we know Christ lives? Often we take Him and His blessings for granted. If for a moment we could imagine ourselves living without Him in a land where He is unknown, then I'm sure we would realize our great privilege in knowing a risen Christ. Two Indian girls who were attending a mission school were singing in a church choir when suddenly the lights in the church went out. One of them said to the other: "This reminds me of life without Christ." Then when the lights came on again, she added, "And this reminds me of life with Christ." Yes, there is as much difference between life with and without Christ as there is between darkness and light. With that realization, surely there comes welling up in our hearts a spirit of gratitude and we feel like crying out with the Psalmist: "My cup runneth over."

I light anew the *flame of gratitude*. (Lights third candle to her right of center candle.)

Third Speaker: "Mindful that vast millions can never know the tidings of great joy unless a Christian messenger be sent to them"—

Are we mindful that we know the "tidings of great joy" because a Christian messenger from another land came to our shores many years ago?

Are we mindful or aware of the many who do not know Christ? Think of it—there are more non-Christians in the world today than there were ten years ago, for the increase in Church membership has not kept up with the increase in population.

Are we aware of the hungry ones? In India alone it is estimated 100,000,000 go to bed hungry every night.

Are we aware of those who are shut out from much that is glorious in life because they cannot read or write? It is estimated that 1,100,000,000 people in the world cannot read or write.

Are we aware that these needs and many others can only be met when someone tells them of Christ?—Paul said, "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed and how can they believe in Him of whom they have not heard and how shall they hear without a preacher and how shall they preach unless they be sent?"

I light this *flame of awareness*. (Lights second candle to right of center candle.)

Fourth Speaker: Remembering that Jesus made *loving obedience* the supreme test of discipleship and that His last most solemn command was "Go teach all nations"—

Jesus said, "If any man loves me, he will obey my word." This is true for when we love, it is our highest joy to obey. Through obedience we become His friends, "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." And what did He command?—"Go teach all nations." We cannot escape the responsibility of answering it nor do we want to when we love Him. Paul is a wonderful example of *loving obedience*. No one could have bribed Paul to do what he did by any amount of money or by some high position or honor. We have his own words for it, "The love of Christ constraineth us."

I light the *flame of loving obedience*. (Lights candle to right of tall center candle.)

Fifth Speaker: The flames of gratitude, of awareness and loving obedience burning brightly in our hearts, call for a dedication of offerings. (Repeat the Covenant down through "I will not cease to make *offerings of prayer*"—"to the end that people in all lands may know and follow Jesus.")

We talk much about prayer; we hear sermons about it and read books about it but how much real praying do we do? That is the important question. Jesus knew the value of prayer. We can tell that from His life and from His teachings. Not often in the Bible do we find the prayers of Jesus recorded but we read that early in the morning and late at night, yes, even all night long, He was in prayer. In these prayer periods we are sure He sought to know the Father's will; He *prayed* for strength and guidance to do His will and we know He prayed for others and for kingdom interests. We, like Him, ought to spend much time in communion with Him that we may know His will for us and be strengthened for our tasks. We, like Him, must pray for others and kingdom interests. As Otterbein Guild girls we shall pray definitely each day for missionaries and for the work in all of our fields. We can feel that we are really at work in lands around the world when we definitely pray for missions and missionaries. We must not fail for we have promised Christ when we signed the Otterbein Guild Covenant that we would not cease to pray.

I light the *flame of offerings of prayer*. (Lights candle to left of tall center candle.)

Sixth Speaker: "I will not cease to make offerings of ———, time—to the end that people in all lands may know and follow Jesus."

Time is a very precious possession. Each of us has the same amount of it. It is given to us by God to use wisely and yet how often we allow the minutes to trickle through our fingers carelessly,

unused and lost. How often we hear the excuse, "I'm too busy," when someone is asked to render a service in the church. Someone has said, "If anyone really is too busy to render service to God, that one is busier than God ever intended him to be." A truer statement than, "I'm too busy," would be, "I am allowing other interests to take first place." Let us be challenged to a renewed dedication of our time, making sure that in every day we give time to quietly wait in God's presence in prayer and to serve Him and our fellowmen.

As Guild girls we should be willing to take time to attend regularly the monthly meetings, to work on a committee, to prepare our part on the program, to try to interest other girls in the Otterbein Guild, to read at least three books on the reading list, to read *The Evangel* each month and this year's stewardship pamphlet, "*More Letters on Giving*." Indeed, all of this does take time but anything worthwhile takes time and we'd be breaking our covenant if we aren't willing to make offerings of time.

I light the *flame of offerings of time*. (Lights second candle to left of tall center candle.)

Seventh Speaker: "I will not cease to make offerings of ———, ———, money—to the end that people in all lands may know and follow Jesus."

"Money is as sacred as life, for it represents life. When I receive a pay check it represents life. When I receive my pay check, it represents mental work, physical strength, nervous energy which were expended during the days of the week or month, hence it is so much of me. It is my life in minted form. When I put some of it into an envelope and bring it to church on Sunday or when I am paying Guild dues and make special offerings to missions, I am laying that much of myself on God's altar. It is an act of worship. When I give to missions I am going in coin form to work for God where I cannot go in person. Through it I can tell the story of Jesus in many languages, heal the sick, give sight to the blind, care for the fatherless, teach hundreds of little children. When we fully realize that our money is ourselves and that where our money is, there we are, then our giving becomes a glorious ministry."

Our gifts of money may seem small but when our gifts are added to the gifts of others, they accomplish much for the Master. We are not held responsible for giving big gifts but we are expected to give generously of what has been entrusted to us. Too often giving is looked upon as a duty. It is that, but it is also a glorious privilege and as someone has said, "Giving is God's way of making better people." When we give, we grow and develop in Christlikeness.

I light this *flame of offerings of money*. (Lights remaining candle.)

Solo: "Take My Life and Let It Be."

Leader: (Takes her place back of center candle).

We have been reminded of the sacredness and meaning of our Covenant and I trust we have been led to make a renewal of that Covenant in our hearts. Does Christ ask too much of those who enlist with Him? Surely not, yet many who enlist with others put us to shame by their loyalty. Hear these two challenging testimonies:

During the World War an English youth was asked these questions as he enlisted in the army:

Are you willing to pledge your allegiance to the government? Standing at attention he replied, "Aye, Sir."

Are you willing to pledge your allegiance to the king? Again he replied, "Aye, sir."

Are you willing to go wherever you are commanded to go? To this he replied, "Aye, sir, and farther."

A few years ago a German youth enlisted with Hitler was seriously wounded in a Nazi-Communist quarrel. As he was recovering in the hospital a member of the family asked, "Would you risk your life again for Hitler?" More quickly than you would think possible came the reply, "If I had ten lives to live I'd risk them everyone for him." Loyalty like this is due our Christ.

And now, if you have renewed your Covenant and are willing to pledge anew your loyalty to the Christ, will you come please, get your candle and light it at this flame symbolic of the Christ who is our leader and our inspiration, saying aloud as you light your candle, "I Enlist With Thee, O Christ." As you return to your places with the lighted candle, please remain standing as we repeat our Covenant together and offer prayer.

Otterbein Guild Covenant: In unison (have copies for any who do not know it).

Prayer of Consecration: Seal by Thy spirit, our Father, our renewed pledge of loyalty to the Otterbein Guild Covenant and to the Christ. In the spirit of this sacred moment may we go forth into this year of study and work in the interest of the kingdom. Help us to realize that as we are true to our Covenant we are good stewards of all that Thou hast given to us. Help us more and more to see the privilege and responsibilities of enlisting with Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

I ENLIST WITH THEE, O CHRIST—AS AN EXPLORER OF GOD'S WORD AND GOD'S WORLD

Note to Leader: This is the annual Guest and Literature meeting. Be sure to make each guest feel at home. The president will want to welcome them at the very beginning of the meeting. It may be well to speak to her of this before the day of meeting. On each chair put a little place card on which is written, "We'll be glad to have you attend our next meeting, too." Give the date and place. Every detail should be carefully planned for this guest meeting. If the program is well presented, it will help in the attendance of future months. If you have a school teacher in your Chapter, it will be well to ask her to give the demonstration of Doctor Laubach's method of teaching folks to read. Much responsibility is placed upon the leader who must therefore be very familiar with her part. A globe and an open Bible with a tall taper will be an appropriate worship center. The free literature offering to be taken at this meeting may be received in an open book. It is sent by the treasurer with December report. See Invitation Sheet.

Piano Prelude: "Open My Eyes That I May See."

Prayer Hymn: "Open My Eyes That I May See."

Call to Worship: Give ear, O my people to my law
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

Leader's Comments: *Enlisted with Christ* we must explore God's Word for therein are contained the truths of Christian living. Always God's children have been instructed to know and keep His word. Hear now some words of instruction in the Word concerning the use of the Word.

Scripture Responsive Service: (To be given responsively by two readers who take their places, one at each side of the table in the front of the room).

First Reader—Moses: "And these words, which I command thee this day shall be upon thy heart, and thou shalt *teach* them diligently unto thy children and shall *talk* of them when thou sittest in thy house and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou risest up." (Deuteronomy 6:6, 7.)

Second Reader—Jeremiah: "O earth, earth, *hear* the Word of the Lord." Jeremiah 22:29.

First Reader—Job: "Receive, I pray thee, the law from His mouth and *lay up* His words in thine heart." Job 22:22.

Second Reader—James: "Be ye *doers* of the Word and not hearers only."

Leader: And now let us hear some personal testimonies to the greatness of The Word from some enlisted ones:

First Reader—Job: "I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food." Job 23:12.

Second Reader—Isaiah: "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the Word of God shall stand forever." Isaiah 40:8.

First Reader—The Psalmist: "The words of the Lord are pure words; as silver tried in a furnace of the earth, purified seven times." Psalm 12:6.

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105.

Second Reader—Paul: All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for amendment, and for much discipline, to make the name of God proficient and equip him for good work of every kind." (Moffatt, II Timothy 3:16, 17.)

Testimony and Petition in Song: Solo—"Thy Word Is Like a Garden, Lord." (If music is not available, have it read.)

Thy Word is like a garden, Lord, with flowers bright and fair;
And every one who seeks may pluck a lovely cluster there.
Thy Word is like a deep, deep mine; and jewels rich and rare
Are hidden in its mighty depths for every searcher there.

Thy Word is like a starry host: a thousand rays of light
Are seen to guide the traveler, and make his pathway bright.
O, may I love thy precious Word, may I explore the mine,
May I its fragrant flowers glean, may light upon me shine. Amen.

Prayer of gratitude for God's Word and also of dedication to a more faithful exploration of His teachings and the keeping of them.

Leader:

Enlisted with Christ we must not only explore God's Word but *His world*. Most of us cannot explore it by means of travel, but fortunately we can in a very real way explore the world by means of reading travel books and missionary books and magazines. Not long ago an Otterbein Guild girl who is a junior in high school, said to her counselor, "I'm making a study of South America. I go to the library and get books of travel. I want to find out all I can about that country." In other words, she is exploring that part of God's world by means of reading. I sometimes wonder if we fully appreciate the blessings which are ours because we can read and have so many excellent books and magazines. And as Guild girls we ought to be especially grateful for the many missionary books available to us.

Alice Freeman Palmer paid tribute to missionary books when she said to a group of girls graduating from Wellesley College, "Girls, never feel you're educated until you have taken the world into your thinking and remember one of the best ways to do this is to read missionary history and biography."

Another has paid tribute to a missionary book in these words entitled, "The Power of a Missionary Book!"

"The Power of a book on world missions? It pulls back the curtain of time and has no regard for space. Each book adds new scenes, new friends, new characters, new ideas, and new aspirations to life. Books on world missions are like a rill of water, ever flowing wider as the years go by. Leaping from the tiny spring in the heart of a child, as fed by other book streams, it becomes a mountain torrent, running in reckless glee down the hillside of youth, ever broadening and deepening, until it fills the channels of maturity. The results of this book stream are like those of a flowing river of water. Everywhere it touches, flowers of information, green grass of knowledge, mighty trees of inspiration, and the fruit of knowledge abound. This is the power of a book."

Every year, through the Missionary Education Movement, new books are prepared for us. This year the mission books especially prepared for the use of young people of all denominations are, "Move On, Youth," a study of which will lead us in an exploration of groups for youth in our own land who are forced by various reasons to move from place to place and "Stand By for China," a study which will lead us in an exploration of the problems and the progress being made in that great nation. The book, "Move On, Youth," will be used in five of our monthly programs beginning next month. Two programs are to be on China. However, the book on China is not in the packet, but would be a splendid book for use in a study class for the young people of the church. Other new books of special interest are, "Tales of Americans on Trek," "Tales from China" and "Bright Sky Tomorrow." The last named is written for younger girls, but gives in a simple way a wonderful picture of China. (These are fifty cents each and may be ordered from the Literature Department, 1412 U. B. Building, Dayton, Ohio.)

The Evangel: Another Means of Exploring the World.

Ask someone who really enjoys reading *The Evangel* to give *briefly* in her own words her appreciation of it, showing how it has helped her to know people and interests around the world. No material is provided for this talk. She should have the current issue with her. She might glean a few short statements of interest from it to present or to illustrate her point.

Prayer Period: Praying for persons and needs near and far. The above talks should suggest definite objects for prayer.

Leader: Exploring God's world we come face to face with many problems, one of which is that so many, many people cannot read or write and many have so little that is good printed in their language. We call those who cannot read or write "illiterate." ————— will now tell us about these unfortunate folks.

The Other 60%: A Short Presentation of the Problem of Illiteracy.

(See mimeographed sheet in packet.)

Questioner from Group: (At close of above talk, one of the members should ask, as if extemporaneously) "Isn't something being done about it?"

Leader: I am glad that the answer to your question is "Yes."

In 1929 a literacy campaign was started among the Moros in the southern part of the Philippine Islands. Dr. Frank Laubach, missionary to the Moros, had been trying a variety of experiments until he developed the method he now uses. It is the quickest method known, does not depend on a knowledge of grammar, and is so easy to teach that an average person can learn to read in his own language in from one to three days. Doctor Laubach says: "Immediately the pupil is given five little lessons—costing us one cent—to teach five other people. That is the way we have everybody teaching everybody else, without pay. It's the cheapest method on earth."

Questioner from Group: (May be same person or another each time). That sounds too good to be true. I can't understand how anyone can learn to read so quickly. Will you explain it further?

Leader: Again I am glad to be able to answer your question. We often say, "Seeing is Believing." Rev. Mr. Alva Knoll, missionary to the Philippines, has planned a demonstration of Doctor Laubach's method. _____ will now present it.

Learning to Read: A short demonstration. (See chart and leaflet of suggestions for demonstration in packet.)

Questioner from Group: "How widespread is this method?"

Leader:

Among the backward population in the Philippine Islands, where the method was first used, in three years the percentage of literacy increased 40 per cent, enrolling as many as 41,000 members to the list of literates in this period. Doctor Laubach has visited many countries and demonstrated his method. The All-India Conference of Indian Christians set as their goal, "Every Christian a Reader in 1941." "In one province of India alone, it is calculated that about 450,000 people learned to read and write as the result of the first year's campaign, and this does not include those who acquired literacy through the newly literates."

"In Africa, one splendid man, the most outstanding African in four colonies, was almost tearful in his eager desire to see the campaign started, saying that it offered the most promising hope he had ever seen of helping his people. Everywhere the Africans have given their heartiest cooperation." And so the story goes in every country where the method is being used.

Questioner from Group: "What do the people have to read after they do learn how?"

Leader: In that question is contained one of the two major problems we face. The first we have already discussed, namely, teaching people to read. The second is giving them wholesome literature *to read in their own language.*

_____ will tell us of the work of the Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children in Mission Fields.

Brief Presentation of this Committee's Work:

I am glad to say that the Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children in Mission Fields which represents many denominations has for more than twenty-five years been trying to furnish suitable books and magazines to the women and children of mission lands. In *India* a magazine for children is called, "The Treasure Chest," and fourteen different editions of it, in fourteen different dialects, are published and recently in *Egypt* a translation of it has been made. In *China* the magazine for boys and girls is "Happy Childhood," and for grown-ups, "The Woman's Messenger"; in *Japan* it is called, "The Children's Magazine," and in *Africa* the name is "Listen." The day when the magazine arrives you can hear the children call to others, "It has come! It has come!" Then silence reigns as they begin to read.

In addition to magazines this committee has furnished translations of a number of good books and the printing of beautiful religious pictures which sell at a very low amount.

You will be glad to know that as Otterbein Guild girls we share in this project of giving these bookless women and children books, magazines and pictures. Every year our Women's Missionary Association makes a contribution to this committee's work and part of the World Day of Prayer offering also goes to this worthwhile project.

Questioner from Group: "Are our missionaries doing anything along this line?"

Leader: Again our answer is "Yes." In Africa we have the Albert Academy Press which prints the magazine "Sierra Leone Outlook," which is the Church magazine for our African Christians. It also prints Sunday-school helps, religious tracts, song books in various dialects—in fact all the printed materials used in our mission stations.

In the Philippine Islands our Press prints a paper in the Ilocano dialect which means *good news*. Like the press in Africa, it supplies a variety of materials not only for our work but for other Protestant groups in the islands.

In Puerto Rico we cooperate with six other denominations in a union press located at Ponce. It was founded under the direction of Dr. Philo Drury. This press prints "The Puerto Rico Evangelico," a bi-weekly magazine which is mailed to approximately 4,000 subscribers. This union press is one of the busiest church institutions in the Island.

A "Count Your Blessings" Period conducted by the Thank Offering Secretary:

As I have listened to this program I have been so impressed by our good fortune as American Christians, as contrasted to much of the world. I think it would be fitting just now to "Count Our Blessings." I will begin and invite anyone to add to the list.

I am thankful for my home and all that the term "Christian Home" signifies.

I am thankful for the many books which help me to explore God's world and most of all for The Book of Books—The Bible, which contains the principles of Christian living.

I am thankful for the privileges of our school system whereby all children learn to read and write.

I am thankful for access to a public library.

I am thankful for the privilege of sharing in giving something to read to those in mission lands.

(Give opportunity for other blessings to be added by the group.)

Prayer: Our Father, we thank Thee for our blessings as we have counted them, one by one. Make us mindful of others with whom these blessings must be shared. Amen.

Questioner from Group: What can we do to share our blessings with others, and show our gratitude?

Leader: We can plan now to share through the W. M. A. Day offering, part of which will be used for Christian Literature.

(Announce plans for your W. M. A. Day service. Envelopes may be given to members at this time. See September and October Evangels for further information about objects of offering.)

We also share in this meeting in a free literature offering. This offering provides the free literature which is made available by our Association.

Free Literature Offering: Pianist plays softly, "Count Your Blessings," as this offering is taken.

The Doxology.

I ENLIST WITH THEE, O CHRIST—AS A GOOD CITIZEN

Note to Leader: In this program we begin the study of the young people's home mission book "Move On, Youth," by Otto Noll, which will be used in five meetings. Choose your participants carefully after you, yourself, have read all of the material suggested. It would be appropriate to have a Christian and an American flag in the front of the room. Perhaps these with an open Bible would form just the right worship center. Stress careful preparation, for the interest of the group in the study book will largely depend upon the way it is presented this month. While we dislike very much to mutilate a book, for study purposes it may be necessary to divide the book according to chapters and stories. It would be better, if funds permit, to have two books (60 cents each). See Invitation Sheet for suggestions.

Piano Prelude: "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies."

Call to Worship: Be still and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.

Hymn: "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies."

Prayer: Dear God, we thank Thee for our beautiful country and for all those, great and small, who have helped to build this land. Help us to show our love for America by being good citizens and our thanks to Thee by doing our part to make our land, Thy land. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Discussion: Who in your estimation is a good citizen? (Name some in the nation, state and community.)

What are the marks of a good citizen?

Does being Christian help one to be a good citizen? How?

(Allow about ten minutes for this discussion. Be sure to bring out that a good citizen is law-abiding, interested not only in himself and his family but in the welfare of all, assumes voting responsibilities seriously, is acquainted with conditions in his community and nation and renders unselfish service.)

The Athenian Oath: Can we make it ours? (Copies of this could be passed out and after allowing time for its silent reading, ask those who will, to read it with you.)

We will never bring disgrace to this nation by any act of dishonesty or cowardice.

We will respect our nation's laws and obey them, that we may be an example to others.

We will seek to make justice, peace and brotherhood prevail.

We will pass on this nation not less, but greater, better and more beautiful than it came to us.

Scriptural Rules of Good Citizenship: Mark 12:17; Romans 15:1; Ephesians 4:31-32; Galatians 6:2; Hebrews 13:1-3; I John 3:18. (These may be read by one or by different girls.)

Prayer Hymn: "O, Master Let Me Walk With Thee."

Getting Acquainted with Some Fellow-Citizens: Since being acquainted with conditions in our community and nation is an essential to good citizenship, we can feel that the Otterbein Guild is helping us to be good citizens, for beginning this month for five monthly programs we are to study various groups of people, young and old, in our community and nation—people who are on the move. We will use as a basis for our study the new book prepared especially for young people, "Move On, Youth," by T. Otto Noll. (Show the book and while holding it up, give the high points in the prologue, "Shifting but not Shiftless," pages

1-4). It will not be possible to cover the entire book but enough of it to realize the great need of these youth and the responsibility of the church and ourselves as Christian citizens in helping to meet the needs.

First of all in this meeting we are to become acquainted with the young negroes who came North through the story of Sarah.

Sarah Goes North: This story is found in Chapter 2, "Go North Young Negro!" It is too long to be told word for word, but the one who gives it should become very familiar with it and tell in an interesting way the experiences of Sarah and her family. It would be still more effective if it is told in first person by one representing Sarah.

Solo: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian." (Negro Spiritual.)

Leader: We are also to become acquainted with a group known as sharecroppers. Usually when we think of farmers we think of the typical farmer who owns and operates his own farm. But today half of the farmers in the United States are tenants and croppers. The tenant farmer is one who owns tools, equipment and work animals but pays rent, either in cash or kind for the land he works. A sharecropper is a farmer who owns no equipment or work animals and receives a share of the crop in return for his labor. Most of the sharecroppers are to be found in the South where either cotton or tobacco is raised on a large scale. Originally most of the croppers were negroes but now there are more white croppers than black. At the end of the year the owner figures what the cropper's share is, deducts the amount advanced for food and pays the balance in cash, which often ranges from \$38 to \$87 per person.

Let us listen now to the experiences of two sharecroppers.

George Arrives Finally at the Delta Farm: This is found in Chapter 4, "Move On, Youth," pages 57-64. Only high points should be given. At close of story the leader should give the information in "Beginning in a Tent Colony," pages 64-66.

Anna Finds a Good Living: Pages 71-73. To be given in the first person by Anna.

Summary by Leader: Pages 74-76.

Prayer for the young negroes represented by Sarah and the sharecroppers of the South and those in the Delta Farms. Pray for the leaders and Christian workers who are helping to meet their needs.

Stewardship Ceremonial: In closing let us remind ourselves of the trust that is ours as Christian citizens by using the Stewardship Ceremonial on page 35 of this program booklet.

THE HOLY FAMILY: A PATTERN FOR FAMILY LIFE TODAY

Suggestions for this Meeting: During this quadrennium we have suggested that the December meeting be planned jointly by the Missionary Society and Otterbein Guild Chapter and be held in the church for the entire "church family." This year the program deals with the family—first, "The Holy Family," which is central in our thinking at the Christmas season, and should be a pattern for our own family life throughout the year; second, our present-day family life—Those families which are today refugees from their homeland;—those conditions in America and in the world which have changed the character of our family life.

In order to put "the family" in the center of our thinking throughout the meeting, we suggest that "The Manger Scene" be used as the Worship Center, lighted if possible.

The poster, "In the name of these refugees, help all refugees," should also be displayed.

In case this meeting is not a joint meeting with the Local, it is suggested that more time be given to the stories in Chapter 3, "Move On, Youth," and that, "The Family Pulls Up Stakes," be omitted, since that is not in the Chapter packet. See Invitation Suggestions in packet.

Quiet Music: "Silent Night, Holy Night."

Call to Worship: "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins."

Hymn: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus." (Church Hymnal, No. 106.)

The Christmas Story:

Note: The effectiveness of this part of the service depends upon the readers and the ready response of the group and its leader, in the carols. We suggest two readers (a young man and a young woman) dressed in choir robes, who will read alternately.

The Annunciation to Mary by the Angel. Luke 1:26-33.

The Magnificat (Mary's response in praise). Luke 1:46-55.

Prayer: That we may be conscious of God's creative purpose for each of our lives; that we, like Mary, may be obedient; that we, too, may glorify God.

Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (verses 1 and 2).

The Birth of Christ. Luke 2:1-7.

Hymn: "Silent Night, Holy Night" (verses 1, 2, 3).

The Visit of the Wise Men. Matthew 2:1-11.

Hymn: "As With Gladness Men of Old" (verses 1, 2, 3).

The Flight into Egypt. Matthew 2:12-14.

Leader: From these familiar words of Scripture and Christmas hymns, we have again recalled the experiences of the Holy Family from the Annunciation to Mary, to the flight of Mary, Joseph and the Baby into Egypt.

Christmas time is primarily a family festival. For Mary and Joseph it was the supreme experience which gave to them that title "The Holy Family." For our family life today it is the time when every one who can plans to be at home—for it is in the family circle that Christmas has its deepest meaning. It is very fitting then that we consider "family life" as we meet here as families this evening—our own immediate family group, family life in our country, and in the world today, and especially of families who, like the Holy Family, have had to flee from their homes. (Indicate poster.) "In the name of these refugees" we are to think of, and help other refugees today.

Presentation of "Refugees":

Note: This should be made a *challenging* part of this program. If there are refugees in your community who are available as speakers, by all means have one of them present this problem.

If you do not have this privilege, ask your most forceful speaker to make a study of the subject and present it. Material is found in the booklet, "America and the Refugees" which is included

in the Wider Relations Kit; in Chapter three of the book, "Move On, Youth," included in this packet, and in an article on Refugees found in the November Evangel. Current magazines and newspapers will give up-to-date information.

Prayer Period: For refugees; for greater awareness on our part, and a deeper sense of our responsibility.

Leader: We turn for a little while now to a consideration of American family life. Mrs. Overton, national authority on the problems of American family life has presented this subject under the title "The Family Pulls Up Stakes," which is one of the booklets included in the Year of Programs for Local societies.

The Family Pulls Up Stakes: (brief presentation. See pamphlet in women's packet. Omit in case it is not a joint meeting).

Leader: A long span of years stretches between the two families we have been thinking about—the Holy Family of Bethlehem and our modern family with all its complex problems. Yet all that we hold dear and worthwhile in our family life today, we owe to the coming of the Christ-Child into the family circle—in Him all the families of the world are blessed—your family, my family. In these closing moments, let us in imagination go with the shepherds even unto Bethlehem and with deep gratitude for what His Coming means to us and to our families, worship and adore Him. (Silent worship.)

Voice sings "O, Come All Ye Faithful." (First stanza only with refrain.)

Leader: "It isn't far to Bethlehem town!
It's anywhere that Christ comes down
And finds in people's friendly face
A welcome and abiding place.
The road to Bethlehem runs right through
The homes of folks like me and you."

The great Gladstone once asked Doctor Talmage, "What in your mind is the most important question of the day"? To which Talmage replied, "There is but one question, settle it and you settle all other questions. It is Christ in the home." We come to this Christmas time with burdened hearts. War, hatred and cruelty have spread fear and despair among all nations.

Let us remind ourselves that it was on just such a dark night of the world's history that the angels brought the promise of peace and goodwill among men made possible because the doors of one humble home were flung wide open to receive God's great love gift—the world's Savior. He comes again, seeking to be enthroned in every family circle. Shall we open wide the doors of our homes tonight that He may come in and make them Kingdoms of love and helpfulness?

Group Response: "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne," The Church Hymnal, No. 115. (Sing as prayer first stanza, substituting the word "home" for "heart" in refrain.)

Prayer: Oh God, our loving heavenly Father, we thank Thee that Thou didst send Jesus into the world as a little child, to be loved and served within the family circle. Let not our homes be busy inns that have no room for Him. (Pause.)

In the name of Him who came as light shining in the darkness, we dedicate our homes to be centers of light in a dark and bewildered world. (Pause.)

For the sake of Him who is love, lead us day by day in the ways of love and tenderness in our homes and to all who suffer because of an unChristian society—the aged, the insecure, the underprivileged. (Pause.)

For the sake of Him whose bed was a manger and who grew up in a humble home, teach us to live simply as He lived, in homes of prayer and praise. May all

who cross our threshold receive from us gifts of loveliness, serenity and strength. (Pause.)

For the sake of the little child of Bethlehem make us mindful of the millions of little children in all the world who are homeless, hungry and insecure, because of war and man's inhumanity and show us how we may help them. (Pause.)

In the name of that Holy Family who had to flee to a foreign country for protection from Herod's cruelty, we dedicate our homes to a ministry of friendliness and help to refugees today of every race and nation. (Pause.)

For the sake of the Prince of Peace, bring peace among the nations—bring peace. (Pause.)

We thank Thee for our homes and we dedicate them to Thee *forever*.

Response: A voice or voices within the group sing softly, "Into My Heart," changing "my heart" to "our homes." The Church Hymnal, No. 557.

Benediction: (unannounced) by pastor.

I ENLIST WITH THEE, O CHRIST—AS AN INTERCESSOR

Note to Leader: This is a very important meeting for at least two reasons. It is the first of the new calendar year and that always infers starting the new year right and then in this meeting we are presenting the idea of becoming an intercessory missionary. You will note that the basis for much of the worship service is found in the intercessory missionary leaflet. Take great care to prepare this well so that each one present will have a real worship experience. Candlelight would be effective. If possible, use with the candles the picture, "Praying Hands," "Christ in Gethsemane." Chapters 5 and 6 of "Move On, Youth," are the basis of our study. Each chapter may be presented by one person or the suggestions in this program may be followed. See Invitation Sheet for suggestions.

Piano Prelude: A medley of prayer hymns carefully prepared by the pianist beforehand, closing with "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

Hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

A Call to Prayer: Use first paragraph of "A Call to Pray," in intercessory missionary leaflet.

A Scriptural Call to Prayer: Look up verses on prayer and have various girls give them, if possible, from memory.

Others Call Us to Prayer: Have various girls give the statements of the power of prayer found in the same leaflet. Have one who is very faithful in prayer give the one by Eunice Scott.

A Period of Intercession: In moments of prayer have various ones lead in prayer for our missionaries, praying by name for some at home and abroad. See back of The Evangel for names.

A Challenge to Become an Intercessory Missionary: The call to be intercessory missionaries has come to us anew tonight from Christ, from the Scripture and from the testimonial of others concerning the power of prayer. In answer to that call we have spent some moments in prayer for our workers. But to do it in our meetings only is not enough. Daily we should pray for them and for others in special need around the world. It is, as has already been suggested in this service, one way of answering Christ's great commission, "Go and teach all nations." Indeed it is the first and mightiest means of doing the Father's business. If we definitely pray, we can feel that we are actually sharing in the work of making Christ known around the world. To pray is not easy. It takes time and energy. ————— will tell us of some of the things an intercessory missionary will do. (These may be found in the leaflet under the heading, "An Intercessory Missionary.")

Some Otterbein Guild girls have during recent months enrolled as Intercessory Missionaries. Here are some personal messages from them to you:

Testimonials of Some Otterbein Guild Girls: (See mimeographed sheet in packet).

Leader: We are not asking any of you to sign a covenant now, but we are asking you to give careful consideration to the privileges and obligations of being an intercessory missionary. If, after just as prayerful and careful consideration as though you were deciding whether or not to become a missionary, you feel you want to be enrolled as an intercessory missionary, then write to the Otterbein Guild Secretary, 1412 U. B. Building, Dayton, Ohio, and request that a blank be sent you. Whether we desire to be enrolled or not, everyone of us certainly can determine here and now to pray more often and more definitely for missionaries and for others.

Moments of Silent Prayer: In these moments of silent prayer let us face these questions:

Do I spend time daily in prayer? Do my prayers include others? Do I pray so definitely for our missionaries at home and abroad that I feel I am actually sharing in the work they are doing? Am I willing to put more time and effort into my praying? (Leader may close the period by praying the following lines:)

"O Thou by whom we come to God
The life, the truth, the way,
The path of prayer Thyself hast trod,
Lord, teach us how to pray." Amen.

Leader: Again we are to become acquainted with some new friends here in our country. Learning to know these will enlarge our circle of prayer, for knowing them will make us want to pray for them. First among these are the folks who leave the old home to make a new home on a government project.

Some Difficult and Interesting Experiences: Let someone impersonate Marian and tell the story of Bill and his family, showing something of the heartaches at leaving the old home and of the adjustments to be made in their new home.

Leader: A statement or two concerning the Arthurdale project in West Virginia could be given here as an introduction to the interview.

An Interview:

Have two girls present this, using as a basis the material on page 92 to bottom of page 96. One can take her place in front of room and begin by telling what she saw as she visited the Vacation Church School and on her way to Genevieve's home (page 92 to line 4, page 93). She might begin like this: "When we were visiting the government project it was suggested that we look in on the Vacation Bible School and this is where we met Genevieve, etc." She may end the speech by some such statement, "Let us imagine ourselves in Genevieve's home and let us interview her concerning the government project." The other girl may now take her place and the two, seated together, may continue, the first girl asking the questions. The first question may be, "Genevieve, do you think life is better on the project than in the company mining town?" Genevieve's reply is in the first two paragraphs, page 93. The other questions and answers are in the pages following. If these are asked and answered in a natural way, the interview will be interesting and informing.

Summarizing Statement by Leader: Bottom of page 95 to end of chapter. Then she may continue—And now we are to meet some other new friends.

Here Today and Gone Tomorrow: One person may give this chapter, introducing the various types of persons mentioned in it or you could have one representing a social worker sitting behind a desk. Another girl could come into the office with the following conversation taking place:

Visitor (after a friendly greeting): In our missionary group we are studying the shifting population of our country. I was told that you could give me some information concerning these people. I want to report the information I get to my Guild.

Worker: I'll be glad to help you all I can. What would you like to know?

Visitor (takes out notebook and pencil and apparently takes notes throughout): Well what kind of fellows are these seasonal workers? Where do they live? Are they married or single? How old are they? What kind of training and experience do they have?

Worker: Wait a minute! Let's take one question, etc. (Continue with paragraph and with the material about Joe, Red, Jack and Jerry and the Hollywood Hopefuls. Only the highpoints in the stories can be given, and perhaps some of the stories may be omitted entirely. The visitor should interrupt occasionally with appropriate comments or questions. The interview could close thus:)

Visitor: This has certainly been time well spent. What you have told me has opened my eyes to a need of which I knew very little. Thank you so much for your time and help.

Prayer Period: Definite prayers should be offered for these groups of people presented in this service.

Stewardship Ceremonial No. 1: This is especially appropriate for the New Year time when resolutions are in order. (See page 33.)

February

I ENLIST WITH THEE, O CHRIST—AS A FRIEND

Note to Leader: This program, if well prepared, will be a most interesting one. You, as leader, should read carefully both Chapters 7 and 8 in "Move On, Youth." Urge those who give the stories to tell them in their own words. Assign the Scripture readings to three girls who will read distinctly and well. See the Invitation Sheet for an appropriate suggestion.

Piano Prelude: "What a Friend We Have In Jesus."

Call to Worship: Henceforth I call you not servants . . . but I have called you friends.

Hymn: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

Prayer of Gratitude for such a Friend and for Christian friends.

Leader: One of the great needs of today is the spirit of Christian friendliness. This is one need each of us who is *enlisted with Christ* can help fill for each of us can treat kindly not just our friends and those who outwardly are attractive but *all* with whom she comes in contact. To fill this need is sometimes a greater service than to give money as was true in the following case. Count Tolstoi one day was walking along the roadside when a beggar approached him, asking for food or for alms with which to buy food. He replied, "Friend, I have nothing to give you." The beggar said, "Thank you," and walked away. Another beggar from nearby, on hearing this conversation, questioned the beggar as to why he said "Thank you" when the man had given him nothing. "Ah," explained the beggar, "he did something for me which money could not do. He called me 'Friend'."

Let us now turn to our Guide Book to see what instruction we find there concerning the spirit of friendliness.

Scripture Lessons on Friendliness (by three readers):

1. Solomon speaks of Friendship: Proverbs 17:17; 18:24.
(Book of Proverbs has been called a manual on friendship.)
2. Jesus' Code of Friendship: John 15:12-17.
3. Paul's Sketch of a Friendly Life: I Corinthians 13.

Hymn: "I Would Be True."

Note the words carefully as we sing. These express the creed of a young missionary, Howard Arnold Walter, and I trust as we sing the words they may express our creed of Christian friendliness to all.

Juan Needs and Finds a Friend: Someone should read carefully the entire Chapter 7, "Bitterness in the Sugar Beets," pages 116-133 of "Move On, Youth," and then present only the high points of the story of Juan and his family.

Prayer for workers in beet fields; for those who employ them and for pastors and churches nearby.

Thumbnail Sketches of Young Friends to be given by one or more persons as desired.

The leader will need to introduce these by giving information on pages 134 to top of 136.

- a. Joe and Ruth in Gary.
- b. Ted Learns about Dikes.
- c. Alice and Bernice in Chicago.
- d. Trailer Tramps in the Citrus Belt.

A Friend of Youth Speaks: The leader may give as a conclusion the gist of "Youth and the Land," pages 144-147. She may suggest or ask for suggestions of needs for greater friendliness in their own community on the part of the Guild girls and ways of meeting these needs. There are lonely girls in every community.

A Friendship Circle: After the girls have linked arms in a friendship circle ask them to pray for young people away from home, in big cities, on fruit farms; for lonely and puzzled youth in their church and community and for themselves that they may have right attitudes toward all youth and may show the spirit of friendliness to all. Close with an audible prayer.

Closing Hymn: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," first stanza.

March

I ENLIST WITH THEE, O CHRIST—AS A MODERN FRONTIERSMAN

Note to the Leaders: Unlike the other programs, this one is not worked out in detail. However, ample material is available. The first step in preparation will be for the two of you who have been appointed to lead this program to read carefully all of the material. Choose that which seems to you most interesting and helpful and decide by whom and how it can best be presented. If you will take this task seriously you will be guaranteed a good time and a good meeting. Perhaps you will want to have a supper meeting, using the foods for which we are indebted to migrant labor. Here are a few suggestions to help you in your plans:

Worship Material: The theme is suggested by the closing words of Chapter 10, "Move On, Youth." A very interesting worship service could be worked out, using the suggestions of hymns, Scripture, etc., found on pages 176 to close of book. You may want to make the setting indoors as much like that described in those pages as possible—kerosene lamp or candles, etc. Special music is suggested. It would be well to have the worship service at the close of the meeting, explaining that it is with the description of this service that the book closes. Be sure to use the last sentences as a climax. A prayer and hymn could be used to open the program of the evening.

Appropriate Atmosphere: This may be created by having a display of canned goods and fresh fruits and vegetables. The small migrant map should be mounted and placed where all can see it. Placards with statements such as "500 Pickers Needed in the Berry Crop," "They Starve That We May Eat," could be placed in the room. A migrant picture sheet, *not in the packet*, is available for 15 cents, Literature Department, 1412 U. B. Building, Dayton, Ohio.

Study Materials:

Striking Facts—(These could be given by different ones or could be used in an "Information Please" period. These should come first to give a background for the remainder of the program.)

1. There are more than 2,000,000 migrant workers in the United States who follow the crops from season to season, helping to harvest the crops. We are indebted to these for our fresh fruits and vegetables.

2. Migrants work in *every* state. Some live in city slums in winter and harvest crops in summer—many travel all year. One mother and children have picked in 42 states.

3. The age range of the workers is from four to five years to eighty.

4. Cash earnings of such workers are from \$125 to \$327 a year.

5. While the migrant group includes many nationalities, 80 to 90 per cent of them are American born. Dust storms, draught, depression and machinery on the farm have made wanderers of thousands who were formerly farmers, business men, home owners, even professional people who, rather than go on relief, have joined the army of "croppers."

6. The majority of the migrants have Protestant background.

7. Often they are misled by handbills and signs calling for workers. When they arrive, perhaps using their last cent for gasoline, they find that no more workers are needed.

8. Children are denied normal educational advantages and opportunities for play and proper home-life.

Chapters 9 and 10, "Move on, Youth"—These are filled with striking facts and illustrative material. Have several of the stories told.

Migrants and Menus—Stories and statements concerning the work of the migrant centers, sponsored by the Council of Women for Home Missions are included. Be sure to stress the work of centers. This also gives suggested menus

in case you have a supper meeting. Dennison seals of strawberries, oranges, etc., could be used on place cards.

The Migrant Map—Note the crops of various states, especially your own. Are there any migrants in your community? If so, what is being done for them by the Christian forces in the community?

A Playlet—"Just Suppose," may be ordered from 1412 U. B. Building, Dayton, Ohio, price five cents. It is *not* in the packet. It requires only three characters.

Our Share—Prayer is one method of helping. If in our community there are migrants, a visit might be made and some *friendship* project launched such as holding a service at the camp or inviting some to a service in the church. Then on the World Day of Prayer, if we contribute to the offering, we are sharing in making possible the Christian centers in migrant camps. We share further in that our Women's Missionary Association makes a contribution each year to this work.

Recreation—Lists of names of fruits and vegetables with letters jumbled could be prepared and distributed. It is fun to properly arrange the letters.

The old-fashioned game "fruit basket upset" would also be appropriate.

Invitation—See Invitation Sheet for suggestion.

I ENLIST WITH THEE, O CHRIST—AS A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Note to Leader: This is the first of two programs on China, the other to be in July. This program should acquaint the girls with China and her needs and should impress upon them the great responsibility of the United States to be a good neighbor to China. Be sure to have a globe or map of the world in front of room so the location in reference to United States can readily be seen. If anyone in your church has anything which has come from China, have it on display. Let the one who brings an article tell about it. If pictures of China from the National Geographic or some current magazines are available, mount and use them to help create atmosphere. See Invitation Suggestion.

Piano Prelude: "In Christ There Is No East or West."

Call to Worship: Quote first stanza of prelude hymn as you place hands on globe or point to map. It would be effective for you to keep your hands on globe throughout the singing of the hymn. This will necessitate memorizing the hymn for you could not do this effectively and use a book.

Hymn: "In Christ There Is No East or West."

God's World Neighborhood Prayer (Lord's Prayer) in unison.

Leader's Comment: In this meeting in which we are studying China it is appropriate that we face the responsibility of enlisting with Christ as a *good neighbor*, for China is counting on the United States to be a good neighbor to her and only as her citizens have that spirit can she play that part effectively. Let us listen now to Jesus' answer to the question, "Who is my neighbor?"

Scripture Story: Luke 10:25-37.

Leader: To be a good neighbor one must know his neighbor. Let us now get better acquainted with our neighbor China.

An I'd Like to Know My Neighbor Period: See mimeographed sheets in the packet.

Leader: To be a good neighbor calls us not only to know our neighbors but also to:

a. *Have compassion on them.* Remember "When He (Jesus) saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd." Matthew 10:36.

b. *To serve them.* Remember Jesus said, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Jesus is testing us today as He tested Peter. He is saying to us, "Lovest thou me?" and when we reply as Peter did, "Lord, thou knowest that I love Thee," He says, "Feed my lambs; Feed my sheep."

The disciple John, often called the disciple of love, expressed a challenge to service in these words (as Moffatt translates it) "Let us put our love not into words but into deeds, and make it real."

What are we doing to make our love *real* for the people of China who suffer so much today?

More than 40 millions are homeless in China today. Five cents will provide food for a Chinese for two days—five cents, the price of a candy bar! Fifteen cents will provide food, shelter and school for three days—fifteen cents, the price

of a sundae! Twenty-five cents will provide shelter and food for a week—twenty-five cents, the price of a movie!

Which shall it be?

Because the Master is not here
With His own hand today
To feed the hungry multitudes who
Throng life's busy way,
He gives the task to you and me, He
Bids us hear their cry—
He says that if we turn from them,
We also pass Him by.

—Anonymous.

A Guild Girl's Way:

A Guild girl's way to make her love real, in regard to China, is to loyally pray for the Chinese Christians and the missionaries, to contribute to China Relief, to faithfully pay her dues; contribute to the support of our missionary work there and help create a neighborly spirit on the part of others toward China. For more than fifty years the United Brethren Church has carried on mission work in South China, in and around Canton and Siu Lam. The program has been evangelistic, educational and medical. Miller Seminary, our school for girls at Siu Lam, has always been of special interest to Guild girls. At the present time our missionaries are Doctor and Mrs. C. W. Shoop and Doctor Oldt in Canton, and Miss Myrtle Lefever, Miss Esther Schell, Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Ward and Miss Gladys Ward in Siu Lam and Rev. and Mrs. Calvin Reber, who went out in the fall of 1939. (It would be well to look on the back of The Evangel to see the address of the Reber's. At the time of writing they are in the language school at Hongkong.) All of these have stood by China so faithfully, making their love real in unselfish service among the refugees and helping many to reestablish their homes. In this way they have influenced others for Christ and have challenged us at home to greater devotion. Associated with these are splendid Chinese doctors, nurses, teachers and preachers, faithfully serving in the name of Christ. Madame Chiang Kai-shek (pronounced Gee-äng [a as in arm] Kigh [like high] sheck [like peck]. The two syllables in Chiang are run closely together) tells the following incident which pays tribute to the faithful witness of Christians in China:

One day she saw one of the Cabinet Ministers, a non-Christian who was formerly known to be outspoken against Christianity, reading the New Testament. When she asked him if he had become a Christian, he replied, "No, but I notice that the Christians throughout the country show a greater self-sacrificing spirit than others, and therefore I feel that there must be something to Christianity."

Prayer Period: Have sentence prayers for China and definite prayers for our workers, praying for them by name; also prayers of rededication to a spirit of neighborliness.

Stewardship Ceremonial: Choose either No. 2 or 3 found on pages 34 and 35 of this booklet.

May

(Mother and Daughter Meeting)

I ENLIST WITH THEE, O CHRIST—AS A WEAVER OF DREAMS

"I Weave and My Daughter Shall Also Weave"

Note to Leader: This program should be planned and presented by women of the Local and girls of the Otterbein Guild. Invite all the women and girls of the church. If you have a dinner in connection with this meeting, make all your arrangements carefully, have tables tastefully decorated and everything as nice as possible. This should be one of the finest occasions of the year in the local church program. Recognize in some way special mothers and daughters—for instance, all mothers present who are over eighty years old, or the oldest mother and the youngest daughter in attendance, or groups of three or four generations in one family. Guild girls might make and present little colonial corsages, or other simple favors, to these special guests.

Prelude:

Opening Thought:

"When God conceived the world—that was poetry,
When he formed it—that was sculpture,
When he colored it—that was painting,
When he peopled it with living beings—that was the divine, eternal drama."

May a measure of thy creative Spirit, O God, keep us ever alert and guide us in our choices that we may live full, abundant lives to the glory of God, and the coming of Thy Kingdom. Amen.

Doxology:

Leader's Comments: This Mother and Daughter meeting is one of the high occasions of our church year. This year in our missionary groups we have pushed back the horizons of our knowledge and met anew the challenge of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. World chaos has made us face the reality of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Women, mothers and daughters, throughout the centuries have played their parts courageously in spreading the Gospel of Love to help make this world a better place in which to live. Our program this evening shows us again how they have not failed and how they will not fail. Mothers and daughters today have even a greater role to play in spreading the Gospel of love.

Scripture: Proverbs 31:10-18, 25-31. (Use Moffatt's translation if available.)

Hymn: "O Happy Home." (Tune, "I Would Be True.")

O happy home, where thou art loved the dearest,
Thou loving Friend and Savior of our race,
And where among the guests there never cometh
One who can hold such high and honored place.

O happy home, where each one serves thee, lowly,
Whatever his appointed work may be,
Till every common task seems great and holy,
When it is done, O Lord, as unto thee.

O happy home, where thou art not forgotten
When joy is overflowing, full and free;
O happy home, where every wounded spirit
Is brought, Physician, Comforter, to thee. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for homes, especially for Christian homes of the past, of the present and of those homes to be made in the future.

Story Incident: "My Daughter Will Weave."

By a loom in Hull House I paused, when the long day of weaving was done. The empty shuttle flew swiftly across the yielding warp as the loose last end of the "blue rags" ruffled over the clean, white threads of the loom.

The clocks outside were striking the hour that closes the workman's day, while beside the door stood the master weaver, speaking words of cheer to the outgoing weary but faithful toilers.

The Russian mother rose from her loom and started from her bench—homeward, of course. But, no! She stopped, and, from a seeming confusion of colors and shades, she selected another filled shuttle that matched the pattern before her. A weaver's swift knot, the quick test, a single flight of the new shuttle and one strong push at the bar. Then, as if to explain her infinite care, the mother turned with a smile of joyous confidence on her tired face and said, "My daughter will weave there tomorrow."

Alone in the dusky twilight, though jostled by throngs rushing homeward, I thought of the Christian mothers who have ended their day at life's loom. I thought how His pattern that they followed so closely must be finished by other hands; how they knotted the new lines of service that no break might be found in the web, and tied them fast to the great work begun. His pattern still waits for the coming. "My daughter will weave there tomorrow."

Scriptural Dedication: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it."

Dedication in Song: (Tune, "America the Beautiful.")

O Thou who dost the vision send,
And gives to each his task,
And with the task sufficient strength,
Show us thy will, we ask;
Give us a conscience bold and good,
Give us a purpose true,
That it may be our highest joy
Our Father's work to do.

Living Pictures of "Mothers and Daughters of Wide Horizons." (See leaflet in packet.)

Closing Prayer: Our Father God, our hearts are stirred anew by the lives of these women of God. Victorious living they have found but often their victory was in seeming defeat. Oh may we here this day renew our covenant with Thee and accept anew as our responsibility the genuine Christianizing of our lives and homes. Dear God we pray that faith may abide with us, courage spur us on and love permeate our every word and deed. Through thy Son, our Savior we pray. Amen.

June

(Love Offering Meeting)

I ENLIST WITH THEE, O CHRIST—AS A MESSENGER OF THE STORY

Note to Leader: This is the annual Love Offering meeting and should be an outstanding meeting in every respect. Plan carefully for each detail. Have the room and offering receptacle attractively arranged. Since June is a month of flowers, give, if available in the yards of your community, little nosegays as the girls arrive for them to wear during the evening. Urge each participant to thoroughly prepare her part so the program will be effective. The invitations should include a reminder to bring the Love Offering boxes. Have some boxes on hand in case they are needed. Urge every girl to share in it. See Invitation Sheet.

Piano Prelude: "I Love to Tell the Story."

Call to Worship: God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life—

This is the Story of Jesus—the Gospel of Love.

Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature.

As the Father hath sent me into the world, even so send I you.

This is our summons to be messengers of the Story of Jesus and His love.

Prayer: For Thy great love and for Thy love-gift, Jesus Christ, we thank Thee, our Father. Keep us ever mindful of the truth that we know the Story because some messengers were faithful to the trust of telling it to others. We pray that Thou wilt so fill us with love for Thee and for all mankind that we will find it our highest joy to tell the Story to others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story."

An Old Legend—A Challenge to Tell the Story:

The Master is walking down the golden street one day, arm in arm with Gabriel, talking intently, earnestly. Gabriel is saying:

"Master, you died for the whole world down there, did you not?"

"Yes."

"You must have suffered much," with an earnest look into that great face with its unremovable marks.

"Yes," again comes the answer in a wondrous voice, very quiet, but strangely full of deepest feeling.

"And do they all know about it?"

"Oh, no! Only a few in Palestine know about it so far."

"Well, Master, what's your plan? What have you done about telling the world that you died for, that you have died for them? What's your plan?"

"Well," the Master is supposed to answer, "I asked Peter, and James, and John, and little Scotch Andrew, and some more of them down there, just to make it the business of their lives to tell others, and the others are to tell others, and the others, others, and yet others, and still others, until the last man in the farthest circle has heard the story and has felt the thrilling and the thralling power of it."

And Gabriel knows us folk down here pretty well. He has had more than one contact with the earth. He knows the kind of stuff in us. And he is supposed to answer, with a sort of hesitating reluctance, as though he could see difficulties in the working of the plan, "Yes—but—suppose Peter fails. Suppose after a while John simply does not tell others. Suppose their descendants, their successors away off in the first edge of the twentieth century, get so busy about things—some of them proper enough, some may be not quite so proper—that they do not tell others—what then?"

And his eyes are big with the intenseness of his thought, for he is thinking of—the suffering, and he is thinking, too, of the difference to the man who hasn't been told—"what then?"

And back comes that quiet wondrous voice of Jesus, "Gabriel, I haven't made any other plans—I'm counting on them."

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We Tell the Story in Puerto Rico:

For more than forty years the United Brethren Church has been telling the Story in Puerto Rico. Let us note a few interesting facts concerning this island: It is 1600 miles south of New York and one hour east. It is an island of rugged mountains which are covered with beautiful tropical trees, of fertile valleys which broaden out into fields of waving cane. It came into the possession of the United States in 1898. It is one of the most densely populated countries, the density being 450 persons to the square mile. It is a common saying in Puerto Rico that no matter where you travel you are never out of sight of a house.

The number of people far exceeds the capacity of the islands for providing supplies. Thus food shortage is one of its great problems. It has large crops but little to eat for its largest crops are sugar, tobacco and coffee, and most of the large plantations are owned by companies and by people who are not native to Puerto Rico. Rice, while not grown there, is their main item of food. In one year 130 pounds of rice for every man, woman and child were brought into the islands. Other foods are imported but rice is the chief import.

Another problem is that of too few schools for the children. Only about one-half of the children of school age are in school. The matter of health is also of deep concern. While Puerto Rico has a most delightful climate which would lead one to expect almost ideal health conditions, yet the problem of sickness is a serious one. A starvation diet is a poor foundation for stable health. Tuberculosis leads the list. Since the United States took over the island much good work has been done in stamping out hookworm, providing wholesome water supply, developing sanitation and otherwise promoting health conditions but the basic problem of giving Puerto Ricans enough to eat has not yet been solved and until that is solved there will be a health problem.

The Protestant Churches through their missionary work, have very definitely helped to meet these difficult problems. From the beginning the churches at work there adopted a plan of co-operation assigning to each denomination a definite field as its responsibility. Thus overlapping has been prevented. The churches at work in the Island have demonstrated too the fine work which can be accomplished through cooperation.

There are union schools, union hospitals and churches. A fine native leadership in the church has been developed which is one of the most gratifying results of any missionary project. At present we have only one missionary from the United States representing us, Miss Elizabeth Reed; the rest of our work is being cared for by Puerto Rican leaders.

Through the years much of the missionary work has centered in the cities with the result that today there is a great need in the rural areas. The latest census reports that at least 73 per cent of the inhabitants live in rural areas many of which are without cultural, educational and spiritual opportunities. To give these people a chance is our great challenge today.

Dr. Philo Drury, who recently retired after thirty-eight years of service under our Board, has written repeatedly of the great need for a definite evangelistic program among the rural people and for the establishing of Religious-Social Centers throughout these rural areas. Indeed, he says the rural communities bristle with opportunities and possibilities. The responsibility in the territory assigned to us is ours. Others will not do our work. Surely you and I are glad to have had a share in telling the Story to many in Puerto Rico through these years in which our Church has been at work there and we are especially glad to know that through our Love Offering which we bring this evening we are going to help in a very definite way to tell the Story to hundreds in these rural areas. As you already know our offering is for evangelistic work among the rural people and for the establishment of at least one model rural Religious-Social Center which will meet the spiritual and social needs of many and will demonstrate what can be done by a pastor and people working together. Through our offering we are helping to transform the drab, distressing life of the country people of Puerto Rico into one of joy and victory.

Two Puerto Rican Messengers: Before receiving our offering let us hear the stories of two of our United Brethren young people in Puerto Rico who are faithfully telling the Story.

A Puerto Rican Girl Tells the Story:

Many years ago three small children began attending our Ponce Sunday School. Visits to the home resulted in interesting the parents who later on became members of the church. The mother was an exceptionally fine character and her influence was felt in the home and in the lives of the children and she was admired by all who knew her because of her sterling Christian character. So her death entailed a great loss to the family.

The eldest daughter was in high school at that time. She was desirous of preparing herself for definite Christian service, but she was compelled to leave school and mother the other five children and maintain the home. She opened a small school for children unable to secure entrance to the public schools. She was eager to work as a missionary helper, but that did not seem feasible. However, this did not affect in the least her attitude toward the church. She continued devotedly her work as teacher in the Sunday school, as a worker in the Christian Endeavor Society and later was appointed class leader.

For many years, in addition to her responsibilities in the Ponce Church, this young woman has been a teacher in one of our suburban Sunday schools. She directs this school on Sunday after-

noon, is faithful in the Tuesday evening service, and when necessary directs the service. She is not brilliant, but she is faithful to the highest degree. She never refuses assignments of work and is faithful in their execution. The talents she has are at the disposition of her Lord.

The Story Makes a Difference:

A young man had been reared under very unfavorable circumstances. His father was addicted to drink and had abandoned his wife. He was living with a concubine and took his son to live with him. Naturally this father gave no attention to his son, allowing him to follow his own inclinations. He led an easy life without responsibilities, gave up his school work and passed but little time in the home. What the outcome would be was very doubtful. He had no religion and no love for work.

But the time came when he began to take interest in things worthwhile. A girl friend, who is a member of the church, invited him to attend a Christian Endeavor service. For the first time in his life he entertained a serious thought. He is enchanted by the service and desires to participate in its activities. After some time he is received as an associate member, and in the evangelistic campaign that followed he was tireless in his efforts to win others. He is baptized and united with the church.

A desire to work is awakened in him, and he is employed as a mason's assistant. He is then employed in our printing plant and gives himself unreservedly to his work. He is thoroughly changed. From a young man dedicated to vice, shunning labor, steeled to the good influences, he is converted into a young man anxious to work, ambitious, open to the influences of the Gospel and surrendered to Christ. His outlook on life is radically changed and he seeks to bring others under the spell of the Gospel.

Presentation of the Offering: This is an offering of love. Hear then a few words from "an old love letter"—Read I John 4:7-21. (All may stand during the reading of the Scripture.) Now let us in the spirit of love bring our offerings. (An attractive tray or basket decorated with violets or roses should be in readiness to receive the gifts. "More Love to Thee" may be played or sung as offering is received.)

Consecratory Prayer:

Father, we bring to thee
Gifts of our love;
Wilt Thou accept them now
As Thine alone?
Thou hast so freely given
All that we need
Our gifts, our hearts and lives
Are Thine indeed. Amen.

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July

I ENLIST WITH THEE, O CHRIST—AS A COMRADE IN WORLD SERVICE

Note to Leader: In April you will remember we had a program on China and now this month we are continuing our study of China. This is in keeping with this year's foreign mission study theme, which is China. This could nicely be in the form of a Chinese tea party. If an attractive yard is available it would be nice to have it out-of-doors, using Chinese lanterns for lighting and decorations. Hostesses may dress in Chinese costume. Attractive plain, dark pajamas, jacket and trousers, may be used. Guests on arriving should bow first to right and then to left. When meeting anyone, one should make a profound bow and shake her own hands. An imitation fire-cracker may be given each one. In it may be wrapped the evening's program. Tea, cookies and peanuts may be served. Make sure that the program is well prepared and presented. If any college girls are home on vacation, use them in the program and have them as guests. See Invitation Sheet.

Piano Prelude: "This Is My Father's World."

Call to Worship: Psalm 24:1-5.

Hymn: "This Is My Father's World."

In the large refugee camp in Canton where Doctor and Mrs. Shoop and Doctor Oldt served, Mrs. Shoop gathered the adults and children into groups and taught them to sing Christian hymns. The hymn we are about to sing was a favorite with the children. Doctor Shoop wrote that it was thrilling to hear as many as a thousand refugee children singing:

"This is my Father's world,
O let us ne'er forget
That tho' the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet."

Prayer: Expressing gratitude for our Father's World and praying His blessing upon us in this service as we become better acquainted with some Chinese comrades in service.

Leader's Scriptural Comment: In Scripture and song, we have been reminded that this is our Father's world and from the Gospel of John, we know that God so loved this world of His that He sent Jesus into it in order to make possible for everyone the abundant life. We know, too, that while Jesus never traveled very far away from home, always He thought in terms of the Father's world and His call to His followers has always been to be a comrade in *world* service. This is clearly seen when He said, "Go ye therefore and teach *all nations*" and "Lo, I will be with you *always*." It is to this world service comradeship that He calls us today and as we answer this call we join hands with Christian comrades round the world. With this thought in our minds let us stand and sing the first stanza of "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

Leader: In this service we want to become better acquainted with some of our comrades in service in China so first of all let us note some of the outstanding characteristics of these Chinese comrades. We will note also what the Bible says concerning each quality given. (These may be given by three girls.)

A Quiet Heart:

For generations the Chinese people have "studied to be quiet." This quality is marked among all Oriental peoples as contrasted with the emphasis we people of the West put on *activity*. We are often restless and feel we must be *doing* something. The Oriental is given to meditation and to the practice of "being quiet." In this we can learn a great lesson from them. Even though our days may be busy, our hearts can be quiet. To spend moments of quiet is one of today's imperatives. God can reveal His will best when we are quiet.

In the Bible we read:

Study to be quiet. I Thessalonians 4:11.

Be still and know that I am God. Psalms 46:10.

In quietness and confidence shall be your strength. Isaiah 30:15.

A Forgiving Spirit:

The Chinese people have always been peace-loving. The position of the soldier has never been glorified. Indeed the soldier stands fifth in the list of importance: 1. Scholars; 2. Farmers; 3. Laborers; 4. Merchants; 5. Soldiers. Always as a nation China has sought to evade war and conflict. She has tried to put into practice Christ's teaching to love one's enemies.

A few years ago, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek (for pronunciation see April program), was finally released by his kidnappers, he, in turn, pled for their pardon and it was granted. He literally obeyed the words of Jesus, "Do good to them who spitefully use you and persecute you." In their family prayers the Generalissimo and his wife pray earnestly for Japan. A missionary present at their family prayers reports this prayer of Generalissimo Chiang: "Dear Father, bless the Japanese people. We fight for their freedom, too. Save us from hate, for hate lives on. Help us to love with Thy forgiving love." This is true of other Chinese Christians as well.

A young Chinese Christian expressed his position and that of other Christian Youth in China when he said: "I am a loyal Chinese, willing to lay down my life for my country, but my *first* loyalty is to Christ and His Kingdom. I am more Christian than Chinese. I hate Japan's policy in China, but I love the Japanese people. We must remain loyal to each other in Christ and try to keep the lines of communication open."

In the Bible we read:

Love your enemies, . . . do good to them that hate you and pray for them that spitefully use you. Matthew 5:44.

Patience: In the pictorial booklet entitled "The Amazing Chinese," the author refers frequently to the "amazing patience" of the Chinese people.

Someone has suggested that the old family system in China where many lived under one roof, was a training school for this virtue. Patience was necessary as day by day they rubbed elbows with one another. A Chinese saying is, "A man who cannot tolerate small ills, can never accomplish great things." At New Year's time the following proverbs are written on red paper and pasted on all house doors: "Peaceableness brings good luck," and "Patience is the best family heritage."

In the Bible we read:

In *patience* you shall possess your souls. Luke 21:19.

China's National Anthem:

Our aim shall be
To found a free land
World peace be our stand.
Comrades, lead on! Vanguard ye are!
Hold fast your aim by sun and stars!
Be earnest and strong
To right every wrong!
One heart, one soul!
One mind, one goal!

Our National Anthem: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

As we sing let us note the ideals expressed in the words. Be sure to make the last stanza a prayer.

Chinese Christian Comrades We Should Know: Many of China's leaders are Christian. In China's "Who's Who" every sixth person is Christian. We are presenting now some of the Chinese Christian comrades we should know:

Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek—see leaflet "A Chinese Boy and Girl Who Became Leaders," in packet. If cover page of July-August 1940 Evangel is available, mount it and use it.

T. Z. Koo, Jimmy Yen and others—see leaflet "Chinese Christians We Should Know," in packet.

Hymn: "I Would Be True." (A great favorite among Chinese youth.)

Prayer Period: Especially for Chinese Christian comrades known and unknown and for our missionaries in China.

August

I ENLIST WITH THEE, O CHRIST

(A Summary and a Personal Check-Up)

Note to Leader: We suggest that the meeting be in the form of a picnic and that the program be a very informal one. We are not planning it in detail but are suggesting some helpful material. You will enjoy working it out to the best advantage of your group. If carefully planned this can be one of the best meetings of the year—a real climax to our year of study. See Invitation Suggestions.

Suggested Hymns: "For the Beauty of the Earth."
"Day is Dying In the West."

Suggested Scripture: Favorite verses of Scripture given voluntarily by members of the group. You might ask a few to be ready to respond. Others then will follow.

Down Memory's Lane: After you, as leader, make a general statement concerning the program of the past year on the theme, "I Enlist With Thee, O Christ," have three or four girls give some interesting memories of the various programs of the year. Talk over with them previously the idea and insist on careful preparation so that they will really give something worthwhile and helpful to all who are there. Each one might take five minutes.

News Flashes of Special Interest to Enlisted Ones: Material for this cannot be included in the packet for the "news" would no longer be news. Ask two girls to work together in a search for interesting religious news items and world news which would be of special interest to Otterbein Guild girls. Such items may be found in the article by Mrs. Lyle Michael in July-August, 1941, issue of *The Evangel*; in other *Evangels* of recent months; on the back page of *The Religious Telescope*; in the *Christian Herald* under "News Digest of the Month." Urge the girls to make careful search and preparation. Each item should be given tersely as a news "flash."

A Meditation for closing the service. In this last part of the last program of the year of programs, it is appropriate that we should hear the testimonials of some others who have enlisted and served faithfully and well.

Challenging Testimonials of Some Enlisted Ones:

Mary Moffat, early missionary to Africa, wrote, "You can hardly conceive how I feel when I sit in the house of God surrounded by Christian natives. Though my position may be despicable and mean in the eyes of the world, I feel that an honor has been conferred upon me which all the kings of the earth could not have done me. I am happy, remarkably happy, though my habitation is a single room with a mud wall and a mud floor."

James Chalmers, missionary to New Guinea, near the close of his life said, "Recall the twenty-one years, give me back all my experiences, give me its shipwrecks, give me its standing in the face of death, give it me surrounded with spears and clubs, give it me back again with spears flying about me, with the clubs knocking me to the ground, give it me back—and I will still be your missionary."

Dr. John E. Williams, missionary to China, shortly before he met his death at the hands of a Chinese soldier at Nanking on March 24, 1927, was asked by his wife as they stood one evening looking at the lights of Nanking University, to which he had given so many years of missionary service, "Jack, if you had known all you know tonight, would you do it over again?" Quick was his answer: "Yes, a hundred times over! Where else could I have invested my life in a way that would have brought me so large returns?"

Dr. Wilfred Grenfell, many years a medical missionary among the fisherfolk of Labrador, one day came to see one of the head nurses in the great Johns Hopkins hospital. This is what he said: "If you want to have the time of your life, come with me and run a hospital next summer for the orphans of the Northland. There will not be a cent of money in it for you, and you will have to pay your own expenses. But I'll guarantee that you will feel a love for life you have never before experienced. It's having the time of any one's life to be in the service of Christ." And this is what she wrote when she returned: "I never knew before that life was good for anything but what one could get out of it. Now I know that the real fun lies in seeing how much one can put into life for others."

Chalking Life Up:

After a boy had been studying the life of the great missionary, Alexander Mackay, he said to his father, "Father, I'd like to chalk my life up to his." This ought to be our reaction to the testimonials we have just heard and to others like them; also to this year of programs. We, perhaps, will not be called to serve in just the same way, but—

Enlisted with the same Christ we must tell the story with the same faithfulness.

Paul says, "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." Am I faithful in my service? Can the minister count on me to be present and participate in the services of the church unless we are ill or out of town? Can I be counted on to be present at each Otterbein Guild meeting, to prepare well any part on the program assigned to me and to pay my dues regularly? One counselor tells this experience, "It was a stormy, rainy night, the Guild meeting was quite a distance from her home, her family assured her the girls wouldn't be present and if they were, they wouldn't expect her—it was folly to think of going on a night like that. In spite of all this, she went. Her way was dark and walking was difficult. She arrived a bit late, but when the door was opened, she saw almost every member present and was met with the exclamation, "We knew you'd come." With a tremor in her voice as she told this experience she said, "What if I had not been faithful! What if I had failed them!"

Are you one who can be counted on to be faithful?

Enlisted with the same Christ we must serve with the same joyful spirit.

No one has a better right to be joyful than one who has enlisted with Christ, for Christ is a joyous personality and his "Good News" is sufficient to keep the "joy-bells ringing in my heart" and yours always. It is said of Phillips Brooks, "the day was dark and dreary but Phillips Brooks walked down Newspaper Row and all was bright."

A girl once said of Alice Freeman Palmer, "When I am with her I feel all dipped in sunshine."

Are we so joyful and happy that there is an overflow? Are we joyful even when things are hard and seem to go wrong—Remember the lines:

It is easy enough to be pleasant
When life goes along with a song
But the man worthwhile is the man who can smile
When everything goes dead wrong?

Judging on this basis how worthwhile are you?

Enlisted with the same Christ we must serve in the same unselfish spirit.

"*Not for self but for others*" seems to have been the motto of these whose testimonies have just been given. Indeed that is the secret of all successful living. It is so easy to surround oneself with selfish plans, desires and interests but when one does, life becomes very drab and things and self usurp the throne of our hearts where God rightfully belongs. The secret of successful Christian living is to put Christ first, others second, and ourselves third. This spirit is characteristic of missionaries of the past and present.

Friendship Circle: Prayer of Consecration.

Taps:

Day is done,
Gone the sun
From the lake, from the hill, from the sky,
All is well,
Safely rest,
God is nigh.

STEWARDSHIP CEREMONIAL

(No. 1)

For this simple ceremonial, place on a table in front of room a large, attractive incense burner on a tray. Have in it some sweet-smelling incense. Near the close of the meeting give to each person present a small slip of paper and a pencil. The leader or secretary of stewardship may suggest a number of things the members may well resolve to do in the work of the Otterbein Guild. For example: plan to attend every meeting, make posters, give an Evangel subscription to someone who cannot afford it, etc. Then each one is asked to think of the thing she is willing to resolve to do and write it on the slip of paper. When this is done, while soft music is being played, each one places her slip in the incense burner and then the incense is lighted. A sweet fragrance rises and as it does a consecratory prayer is offered.

STEWARDSHIP CEREMONIAL

(No. 2)

Secretary of Stewardship: "I have a stewardship entrusted to me."

Stewardship casts things and possessions out of the center of our attention and puts God there. If not I, but Christ liveth in me, then—

(People in various parts of the room rise and contribute the following, one at a time. At different meetings, different people should respond. The secretary of stewardship should distribute these carefully, before the meeting, and ask that they should be told or given from memory, not read.)

I will pray daily that His kingdom may come on earth, with definite intercession for particular needs.

I will budget my time to give to His service, not my spare time, but choice time from the best part of the day.

I will make my influence count for righteousness in the great moral, social and economic problems of the nation and the world.

I will spend a definite part of my time in self-improvement of body, mind and soul, that my life may be increasingly useful to Him.

I will make my partnership with God so apparent in my home that it will enrich the lives of other members of my family.

I will be friendly to people of all classes and races, for love knows no barrier.

I will study carefully the manner in which I, and my family, acquire money, as well as the ways in which it is spent, that there, too, the love of God and man may control our actions.

I will joyfully and gladly consecrate the first fruits of my money, which is my coined personality, to Christ's work.

I will give at least a tenth of my income, and each year I will try to increase the proportion of my giving as a love gift to my Savior.

I will realize that not only I am Christ's but all my possessions are His and therefore are consecrated to His use.

I will thus show by my life that Christ is the Way, the Truth, the Life.

Prayer by Secretary of Stewardship:

"Live out Thy life within me,
O Jesus, King of Kings,
Be Thou Thyself the answer
To all my questionings.
Live out Thy life within me,
In all things have Thy way!
I, the transparent medium
Thy glory to display."

Hymn: "Take My Life, and Let It Be"; or "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"; or "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ."

(If this is the close of the meeting, let the Secretary of Stewardship use this benediction:

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations for ever and ever. Amen.)

STEWARDSHIP CEREMONIAL

(No. 3)

A Responsive Hymn and Scripture Service

Note: The two readers take their places in the front of the room, one at each side of the table or pulpit desk. Each must read clearly and well to make it effective.

First Reader: A Charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify;
A never-dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky.

Second Reader: Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Ye are the light of the world. . . . Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

First Reader: To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfill,
Oh! may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will.

Second Reader: I have chosen you and ordained you that you shall go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain.

As the Father hath sent me into the world even so send I you . . . to preach the Gospel to the poor, . . . to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

First Reader: Arm me with jealous care,
As in thy sight to live;
And, oh! thy servant, Lord, prepare
A strict account to give.

Second Reader: Give an account of thy stewardship, for thou mayest be no longer steward.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful.

First Reader: Help me to watch and pray
And on thyself rely;
Assured, if I my trust betray,
I shall forever die.

Second Reader: Abide in me, and I in you, As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me . . . for without me ye can do nothing.

Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation.

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal.

Hymn: "A Charge to Keep I Have."

With these thoughts in our minds let us sing thoughtfully and prayerfully this hymn. May it be a true expression of our consecration.

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